

SSCR potato winter meeting

on: Wednesday 8 March 2023

at: The James Hutton Institute,
Dundee, New Seminar Room,
from 1030-1500

**Registration
(free)
is essential**

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by 1st March

There will be tea & coffee on arrival with registration opening from 1030 then the event starts at 1100. We have a varied programme covering new research on PCN, breeding for blight resistance, and the potential role of gene editing in improving crop traits.

We will be joined by Jonathan Menary who is a researcher based at Oxford University involved in a project called PhotoBoost. Jonathan is keen to explore the views of Scottish potato growers on improving photosynthesis in potatoes. "PhotoBoost is an EU plant breeding project that aims to improve photosynthesis performance in rice and potatoes with our partners in Europe and Asia. It relies on crop biotechnology, including gene editing, which faces differing levels of regulatory and public acceptance in different parts of the world. I represent the social science wing of the project, where we seek to understand stakeholder attitudes towards biotechnology and the idea of improving photosynthesis. Our findings will feed into a roadmap for scaling up these crops in future, so this is an opportunity for the potato industry to have its voice heard."

If you are a potato grower or involved in potato production, processing, research or retail, and would like to take part in the focus group, which will take place immediately after the Winter Meeting (1500 – 1630), please let Jennie.Brierley@hutton.ac.uk know and I will pass your email contact details onto Jonathan. Please note that spaces will be limited and the meetings will be audio recorded.